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The August 2008 edition of *Health Reports* contains two articles.

The article, "Parent and child reports of children's activity," evaluates the extent to which the responses of children to questions about their television viewing habits and participation in sports agree with what their parents reported. For more information, contact Marie P. Beaudet (613-951-7025; marie.beaudet@statcan.gc.ca), Health Information and Research Division.

The second article, "Trends in teen sexual behaviour and condom use," examines recent trends in sexual behaviour among Canadian teenagers. For more information, contact Michelle Rotermann (613-951-3166; michelle.rotermann@statcan.gc.ca), Health Information and Research Division.

The online edition of *Health Reports*, Vol. 19, no. 3 (82-003-XWE, free), is available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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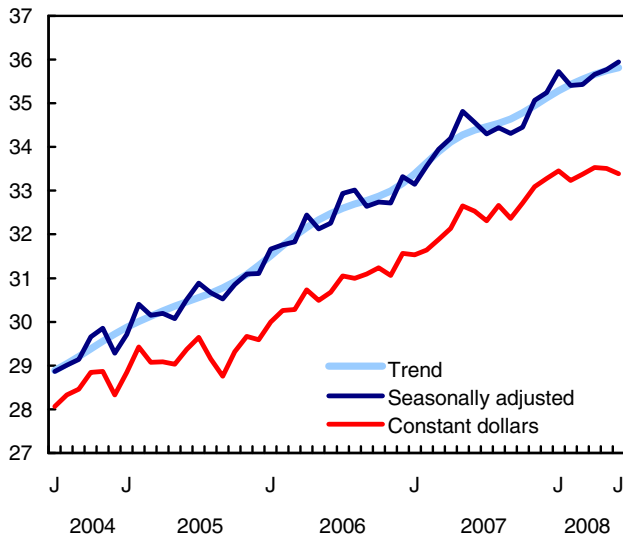
Retail trade

June 2008

Retail sales in current dollars rose by 0.5% in June to \$36.0 billion. This advance can largely be explained by the 4.2% increase in sales at gasoline stations, mainly as a result of higher gas prices in June. Once price variations for all goods and services sold by retailers are taken into account, retail sales in constant dollars decreased by 0.4%.

Retail sales in current dollars increase in June

\$ billions



In June, retail sales in current dollars were up in six of the eight sectors. The strongest increases were in the clothing and accessories stores sector and in the food and beverage stores sector. Sales at furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores rose for the third consecutive month, continuing their recovery after slowing in the last six months of 2007.

The widespread increase in retail sales was dampened by the fifth consecutive decline in sales by new car dealers, which fell 3.1%. According to the New Motor Vehicle Sales Survey, the drop in the number of

new vehicles sold in June was largely attributed to a decline in sales of trucks. Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers also showed a decline in sales.

Excluding sales by new car dealers and by used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers, retail sales rose by 1.4% in June, the third increase of 1.0% or more since the beginning of the year.

Retail sales up in all provinces

All provinces saw their retail sales increase in June. Prince Edward Island posted the strongest rise in sales, at 2.4%. Increases of higher than 1.0% were also recorded in Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia.

The 0.3% rise in Quebec, although less than that of the two previous months, was the third increase in sales in as many months. In Ontario, sales varied little in May and June.

Sales in Saskatchewan continued to grow faster than the national average.

Tables of unadjusted data by industry and by province and territory are now available from the *By subject* module of our website.

For information on related indicators, consult the *Latest statistics* page on our website.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2406 and 2408.

The June 2008 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005-XWE, free) will be available shortly.

Data on retail trade for July will be released on September 22.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Serge Grenier (613-951-3566), Distributive Trades Division.

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Retail sales

	June 2007	March 2008 ^r	April 2008 ^r	May 2008 ^r	June 2008 ^p	May to June 2008	June 2007 to June 2008
Seasonally adjusted							
	\$ millions				% change		
Automotive	12,008	12,474	12,462	12,527	12,511	-0.1	4.2
New car dealers	6,518	6,464	6,386	6,329	6,133	-3.1	-5.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,582	1,601	1,558	1,562	1,549	-0.8	-2.1
Gasoline stations	3,908	4,408	4,517	4,636	4,829	4.2	23.6
Furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores	2,467	2,550	2,604	2,620	2,633	0.5	6.8
Furniture stores	824	837	870	870	875	0.6	6.2
Home furnishings stores	503	515	512	517	524	1.3	4.2
Computer and software stores	117	116	120	120	121	0.9	3.5
Home electronics and appliance stores	1,023	1,081	1,103	1,112	1,113	0.0	8.8
Building and outdoor home supplies stores	2,227	2,245	2,231	2,253	2,268	0.7	1.9
Home centres and hardware stores	1,800	1,828	1,824	1,839	1,858	1.1	3.2
Specialized building materials and garden stores	426	416	407	415	410	-1.0	-3.8
Food and beverage stores	7,710	7,812	7,832	7,834	7,940	1.3	3.0
Supermarkets	5,525	5,611	5,629	5,616	5,687	1.3	2.9
Convenience and specialty food stores	826	828	823	819	829	1.1	0.3
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,359	1,373	1,380	1,399	1,424	1.8	4.8
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2,343	2,404	2,420	2,425	2,418	-0.3	3.2
Clothing and accessories stores	1,988	1,960	2,015	2,007	2,058	2.5	3.5
Clothing stores	1,525	1,499	1,557	1,540	1,572	2.1	3.1
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	464	461	457	467	486	4.1	4.8
General merchandise stores	4,043	4,177	4,266	4,261	4,279	0.4	5.8
Miscellaneous retailers	1,778	1,808	1,832	1,837	1,843	0.4	3.7
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	881	906	916	920	931	1.2	5.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	897	902	916	917	912	-0.5	1.7
Total retail sales	34,563	35,429	35,662	35,765	35,951	0.5	4.0
Total excluding new car dealers, used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,463	27,363	27,717	27,875	28,269	1.4	6.8
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	554	576	581	573	581	1.5	4.9
Prince Edward Island	135	141	141	142	145	2.4	7.6
Nova Scotia	959	1,023	1,005	1,006	1,012	0.7	5.6
New Brunswick	781	784	805	810	811	0.1	3.8
Quebec	7,604	7,654	7,938	7,974	7,997	0.3	5.2
Ontario	12,296	12,661	12,751	12,743	12,774	0.2	3.9
Manitoba	1,167	1,263	1,242	1,252	1,260	0.6	8.0
Saskatchewan	1,070	1,195	1,189	1,203	1,214	0.9	13.5
Alberta	5,168	5,195	5,111	5,151	5,180	0.6	0.2
British Columbia	4,709	4,807	4,770	4,780	4,844	1.3	2.9
Yukon	42	44	44	45	45	-0.1	6.0
Northwest Territories	55	60	60	60	60	-0.1	8.5
Nunavut	23	25	25	26	27	3.6	19.3

^r revised

^p preliminary

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

Retail sales

	June 2007	Unadjusted May 2008 ^r	June 2008 ^p
	\$ millions		
Automotive	13,636	14,608	13,851
New car dealers	7,518	7,480	6,836
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,957	2,139	1,877
Gasoline stations	4,161	4,989	5,138
Furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores	2,390	2,484	2,464
Furniture stores	850	884	876
Home furnishings stores	496	500	506
Computer and software stores	108	114	110
Home electronics and appliance stores	935	986	973
Building and outdoor home supplies stores	2,812	2,964	2,806
Home centres and hardware stores	2,237	2,376	2,268
Specialized building materials and garden stores	575	587	537
Food and beverage stores	8,289	8,566	7,912
Supermarkets	5,870	6,180	5,580
Convenience and specialty food stores	904	884	868
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,516	1,502	1,464
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2,331	2,477	2,348
Clothing and accessories stores	2,008	2,101	1,996
Clothing stores	1,543	1,610	1,528
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	466	491	468
General merchandise stores	4,261	4,536	4,412
Miscellaneous retailers	1,785	1,852	1,816
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	820	874	856
Miscellaneous store retailers	965	978	961
Total retail sales	37,511	39,589	37,604
Total excluding new car dealers, used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	28,036	29,969	28,891
Provinces and territories			
Newfoundland and Labrador	614	630	617
Prince Edward Island	152	157	155
Nova Scotia	1,063	1,101	1,066
New Brunswick	861	896	864
Quebec	8,349	9,264	8,494
Ontario	13,284	13,883	13,288
Manitoba	1,267	1,381	1,313
Saskatchewan	1,168	1,348	1,271
Alberta	5,613	5,662	5,431
British Columbia	5,007	5,128	4,965
Yukon	49	50	50
Northwest Territories	60	61	61
Nunavut	23	27	27

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^p preliminary

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Leading indicators

July 2008

The composite leading index was unchanged for a second straight month in July, after small gains in April and May. Overall, 2 of the 10 components fell in July, versus 6 in June. However, the declines in housing and the average workweek in manufacturing were large enough to offset small increases in the 7 components that rose.

The housing index decreased by 2.9%, its largest decline since June 2002. Most of the drop originated in fewer housing starts. Consumer spending on durable goods continued to expand, although the rate of growth for auto sales slowed sharply after the hike in gasoline prices early this summer.

The manufacturing indicators remained mixed. New orders remained volatile, rebounding 1.3% from a sharp decline. This volatility largely reflects orders for aerospace, which have been oscillating around a long-term upward trend. The ratio of shipments to inventories levelled off after two straight declines. Shipments trended up for the first time in 2008. However, the average workweek in manufacturing fell 0.5% in July.

The United States leading indicator rose 0.1%, its first increase in 11 months. Real gross domestic product growth turned up in the second quarter, led by exports and business investment.

Available on CANSIM: table 377-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1601.

This release will be reprinted in the September 2008 issue of *Canadian Economic Observer*, Vol. 21, no. 9 (11-010-XWB, free), which will soon be available. For more information on the economy, consult the *Canadian Economic Observer*.

A more detailed analysis of the components is now available online.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Philip Cross (613-951-9162; ceo@statcan.gc.ca), Current Economic Analysis Group.

Leading indicators

	February 2008	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Last month of data available % change
Composite leading indicator (1992=100)	228.1	227.8	228.0	228.4	228.3	228.3	0.0
Housing index (1992=100) ¹	141.7	141.6	139.4	141.7	141.1	137.0	-2.9
Business and personal services employment (thousands)	2,881	2,893	2,903	2,917	2,932	2,938	0.2
S&P/TSX stock price index (1975=1,000)	13,777	13,522	13,572	13,748	14,010	14,012	0.0
Money supply, M1 (\$ millions, 1992) ²	170,595	171,370	171,928	172,179	172,088	172,310	0.1
US Conference Board leading indicator (1992=100) ³	125.2	124.8	124.5	124.3	124.2	124.3	0.1
Manufacturing							
Average workweek (hours)	38.1	38.0	37.9	37.9	37.8	37.6	-0.5
New orders, durables (\$ millions, 1992) ⁴	25,925	26,001	25,986	26,319	25,410	25,743	1.3
Shipments/inventories of finished goods ⁴	1.80	1.79	1.79	1.77	1.75	1.75	0.00 ⁵
Retail trade							
Furniture and appliance sales (\$ millions, 1992) ⁴	2,776	2,798	2,817	2,837	2,851	2,867	0.6
Other durable goods sales (\$ millions, 1992) ⁴	9,406	9,497	9,606	9,682	9,754	9,776	0.2
Unsmoothed composite leading indicator	227.6	227.5	228.8	228.4	229.0	227.6	-0.6

1. Composite index of housing starts (units) and house sales (multiple listing service).

2. Deflated by the Consumer Price Index for all items.

3. The figures in this row reflect data published in the month indicated, but the figures themselves refer to data for the month immediately preceding.

4. The figures in this row reflect data published in the month indicated, but the figures themselves refer to data for the second preceding month.

5. Difference from previous month.

Study: Teen sexual behaviour and condom use

1996/1997 to 2005

In 2005, 43% of teens aged 15 to 19 reported that they had had sexual intercourse at least once, down from 47% in 1996/1997.

The decline was due to young women, among whom the proportion who reported having had sexual intercourse fell from 51% to 43%. The proportion of young men who had had intercourse remained unchanged at 43%.

Throughout the period, the percentage of teens reporting sexual intercourse was higher at older ages. Around two-thirds of those aged 18 or 19 had had intercourse, compared with about one-third of those aged 15 to 17.

The proportion of teens who reported becoming sexually active at an early age also declined. In 2005, 8% reported having had sexual intercourse before they were 15, down from 12% in 1996/1997. The proportion fell among girls, but did not change significantly among boys.

About one-third of teens aged 15 to 19 who had had intercourse in the year before the survey reported having done so with more than one partner, roughly the same percentage as in 1996/1997. A higher percentage of boys than girls reported multiple partners, a finding consistent with other studies.

Having multiple partners was more common among older teens.

Between 2003 and 2005 (the only years for which nationally representative and comparable data are available), the proportion of sexually active teenage girls who reported using a condom rose from 65% to 70%; among teenage boys, the proportion remained around 80%.

Condom use was more common among teens aged 15 to 17 than among those aged 18 and 19 in 2005.

Sexual intercourse at an early age, having multiple partners and unprotected sex put teens at risk of sexually transmitted infection and of unwanted pregnancy.

Note: Data for this study came from the 1996/1997 National Population Health Survey and the 2003 and 2005 Canadian Community Health Survey.

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